

## **According to legend...**

**If you wish to make an impact for one year, you plant corn.**

**If you wish to make an impact for a generation, you plant a tree.**

**But if you wish to make an impact for an eternity, you educate a child.**

**Author Unknown**

## **Relationship is the Key**



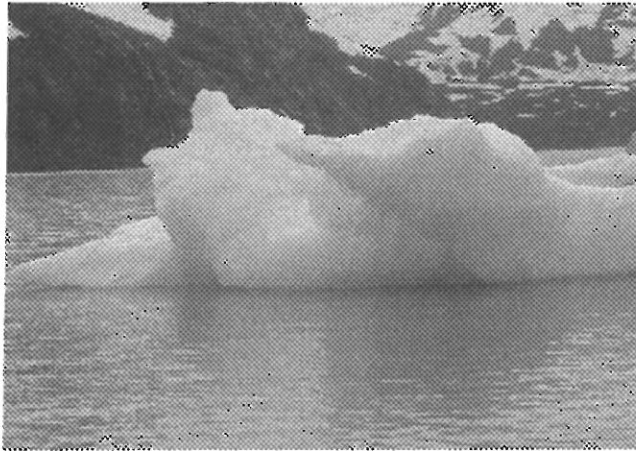
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# Alaska

## The Last Frontier



## Did you know?

- 1 in 5 Alaskan children are at risk of going to bed hungry
- 23, 937 Alaska households with children are headed by single mothers
- Alaska has the highest rate of child abuse in the nation: 38% compared to 13% nationally
- Alaskan children are born with 3 times national rate of fetal alcohol syndrome
- Alaska is first in per capita sexual assaults among all 50 states
- Annually, 1,770 Alaskan females ages 15-19 become pregnant
- Violent crime among Alaskan teens exceeds national average

Source: United Way 2003

## Alaska Statistics

Source: 2000 US Census



- **State Population:**  
**731,440**
- Anchorage: 295,570
- Fairbanks: 32,036
- Juneau: 32,164
- Nome: 9,915
- Persons under 5 years of age: 7.6%
- Persons under 18 years of age: 30.4%
- Persons 65 years old and older: 5.7%
- Females: 48.3%

## Alaska: Ethnic Summary

- Alaska Native/American Indian: 15.7 %
- Asian: 4.0 %
- Black: 3.5 %
- White: 69.3 %
- Hispanic: 4.1 %
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 1.0 %
- Other: 2.4 %



# ALASKAN HOMELESSNESS

## ***Rent-Wage Disparity***

Community	Affordable Rent*	2-BR FMR (fair market rent)	Wage Needed to Afford FMR	Hrs. per week @ Min. Wage**
Anchorage	\$627	\$1,031	\$19.83	109
Barrow	\$637	\$1,292	\$24.85	137
Fairbanks	\$576	\$1,004	\$19.31	107
Juneau	\$683	\$1,281	\$24.63	136
Kodiak	\$587	\$1,210	\$23.27	128

\*Affordable rent means the maximum rent a household earning 30% of the Area Median Income can afford

\*\*Minimum wage of \$7.25/hr, effective 4/13



## Anchorage, Alaska



**Population:**  
260,283  
**Latitude:** 61° N  
**Longitude:** -149°



## **Anchorage School District**

- 48,734 students
- 61 Elementary Schools
- 10 Middle Schools
- 7 High Schools
- 1 K-12 School
- 1 Vocational High School
- 8 Specialized/Alternative Schools
- 8 Charter Schools



## **Anchorage School District A Multicultural Experience**

- Approximately 55% of students are from ethnic minority groups
- 91 different languages are spoken by district students

Alaska Native/American Indian:	9 %
Asian/Pacific Islander:	16 %
Black:	6 %
Caucasian:	45 %
Hispanic or Latino:	10 %
Two or more races:	14 %

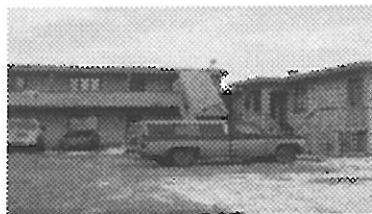
Source: ASD Website

## Lack of Affordable Housing



## Spenard Motel

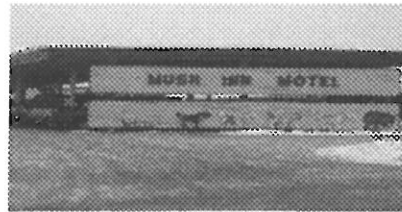
\$70/day    \$300/week    \$900/month + \$100 deposit



## Mush Inn Motel



\$60/day  
\$300/week  
\$950/month + \$250 dep



## Anchorage Family Shelters

### Salvation Army McKinnell Shelter

Capacity: 6 family rooms

Two parent families and single men with children

### Catholic Social Services Clare House

Capacity: 45 adults and children

Single mothers with children

### AWAIC: Alaska Women's Aid In Crisis

Capacity: 54 women and children

Women with children experiencing domestic violence



## Covenant House Alaska

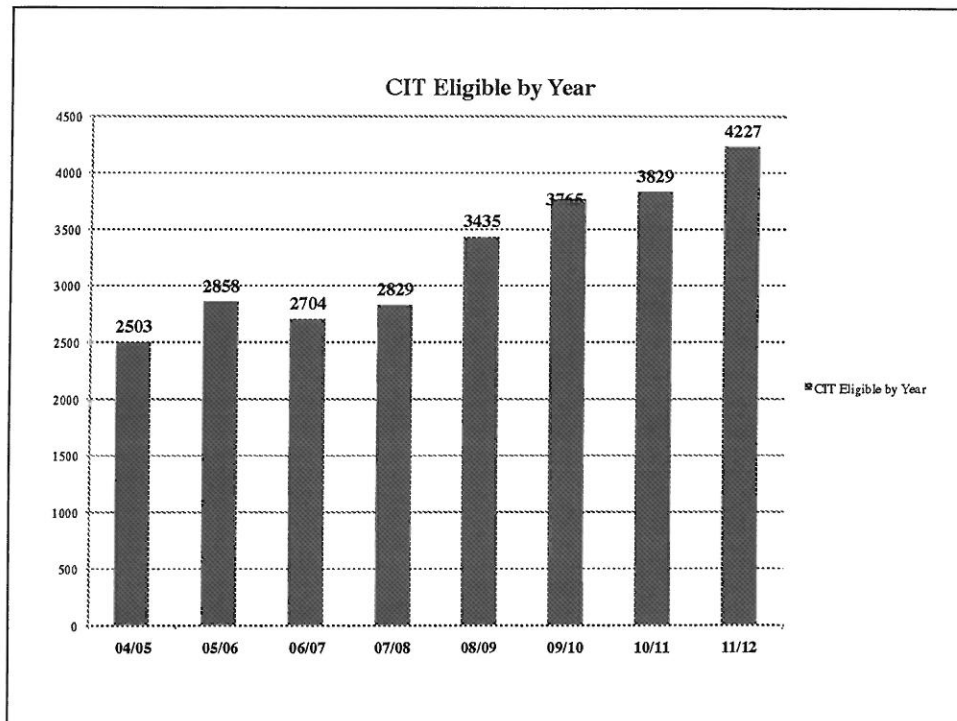


- Capacity: 50 beds  
Adolescents aged  
13-21
- New shelter opening  
July 2013

**Anchorage School District**

**Child In Transition Program**

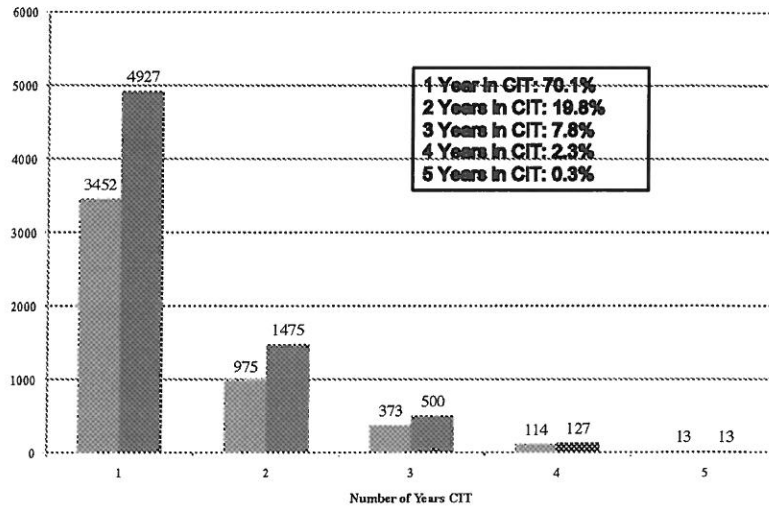
**One Child, One School, One Year**



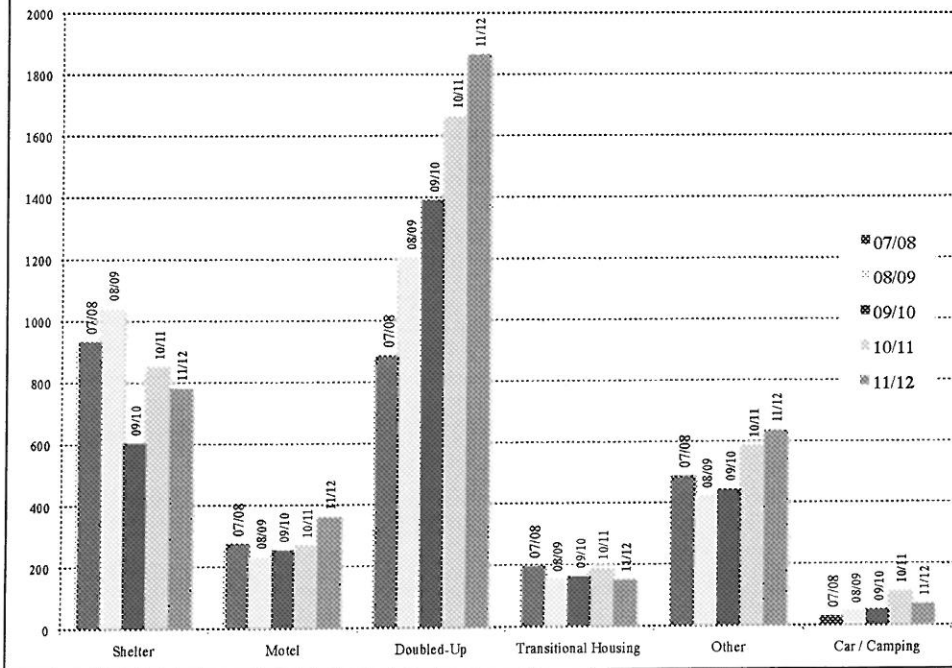
**Child In Transition Program Ethnicity by Year**

	Alaska Native/ Am Ind	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Pacific Islander	White	Multi Ethnic	Total Minority
99/00	32%	3%	21%	9%	<1%	34%	<1%	64%
02/03	36%	5%	15%	7%	<1%	30%	6%	70%
07/08	30%	3%	11%	9%	6%	22%	18%	78%
11/12	25%	6%	10%	10%	12%	17%	20%	83%
12/13 To 4-4-13	29%	4%	10%	10%	15%	15%	20%	85%

### Episodes of Homelessness 2008-2012



### Initial Nighttime Residence



## Child In Transition Program Staffing By Year

<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>
<b>(2,169)</b>	<b>(3,436)</b>	<b>(4,260)</b>
2 Teachers	3 Teachers	1 Teacher
1 Counselor	0	0
1 Homeless Ed Sp	2 Homeless Ed Sp	3 Homeless Ed Sp
2 Secondary Tutors	1 Secondary Tutor	0
2 Elementary Tutors	1 Elementary Tutor	0
1 Preschool Tutor	1 Preschool Tutor	0
3 Part-time Tutors	3 Part-time Tutors	0
Trans Scheduler	Trans Scheduler	2 Trans Scheduler
Admin Assistant	Admin. Assistant	1 Admin. Assistant
Prog Coordinator	Prog Coordinator	1 Prog Coordinator
<b>12 FT /8 PT</b>	<b>11 FT/ 3 PT</b>	<b>8 FT /0 PT</b>

**Enrollment**

**Attendance**

**Success In School**

## **Early Childhood: Birth to 5**



## **Early Childhood Delivery Model**

### **Birth to 5 Services**

#### **ASD Referrals:**

- **Title I Preschool (2-3 slots at each of 9 schools)**
- **Migrant Education Preschool (3 schools)**
- **ASD Special Education Preschool (if appropriate)**

#### **• Community Referrals:**

**Birth to 3: Infant Learning Program, Early Head Start**

**3-5: Head Start, Early Intervention Program**



## Elementary and Middle School Support

- **Enrollment** and Educational Planning: records acquisition, school coordination, immunizations, school meals, school supplies, IEP meetings, Team meetings
- **Attendance:** transportation, attendance monitoring, school staff coordination, school resource officers, home visits.
- **Success:** academic support, access to school tutoring programs (including transportation), ongoing communication with teachers, parents, principals, agency staff and others working with the child.

## High School Support

- **Enrollment** and Educational Planning: records acquisition to ensure courses from all high schools are on transcript, work with alternative schools and programs to provide “best match” for student, referral to GED, Job Corps or National Guard Youth Corps Program.
- **Attendance:** transportation, attendance monitoring, home visits, advocacy for unaccompanied youth.
- **Success:** Academic support in and out of the classroom, evening tutorial, summer school program, independent study.

Yellow school buses are the safest form of transportation.

National School Transportation Association





### **Child In Transition Program Transportation 1 Day Snapshot**

ASD CIT School Bus (Home Shuttle):	118 students
Municipal (City) Bus Pass:	110 students
Gas Cards:	305 students
Municipal (City) Shuttle Van:	22 students
Cabs:	<u>143 students</u>

Total Homeless Students Transported  
on February 10, 2012: 698 students  
(Does not include students living in school zone)



